GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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LOAN SCHEME FOR ARTISANS
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to provide loans at low rate of interest to the artisans to promote handicrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of artisans benefitted therefrom during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b): No Sir. However National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Small Industrial Development Bank o India (SIDBI) provide loans to artisans at concessional rate of interest on refinance basis for promotion of handicrafts.

(c): As per information furnished by NABARD and SIDBI, data on name-wise artisans benefitted under the above scheme is no maintained by them. However, during the last three years the number of handicrafts units benefitted is 20598 units.